water main has since been completed and the water is now available at the first floor of these quarters. However, the overall scheme will take a period of about 9 months for completion for general improvement in the entire Netaji Nagar.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Netaji Nagar is fed from Palam Reservoir of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi from where the supply is erratic. In the normal circumstances, water is reaching the quarters on first floor of 'E' Block. The shortage however is felt by the residents when supply of water is less from Palam Reservoir due to breakdowns, power failures, voltage fluctuations etc. As stated in (a) above the position will improve on the completion of full scheme.

Inadequate bridges on Yamuna for Transit Yamuna Area

3239. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present bridges across the river Yamuna in Delhi viz. Wazirabad Bridge, Old Yamuna Bridge, ITO Bridge and Nizamuddin Bridge are quite insufficient in view of the ever-growing traffic across these bridges resulting from the increasing population and commercial as well as industrial expansion in the trans-Yamuna area ;

(b) the steps Government propose to take the ensure easy flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic across the Yamuna in Delhi ;

(c) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in completion of the Yamuna bridge at ISBT ;

(d) whether Government propose to construct additional lanes along the existing aforesaid bridges at Yamuna in Delhi ; and

(e) What is the position of the long outstanding demand of constructing a Bridge at Yamuna near Shanti Van connecting Geeta Colony and Daryanganj which had been cleared by the Research and Development Wing of the Engineering Institute of Kharakwasla ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Delhi Development Authority, the Draft Master Plan for Delhi perspective-2001 envisages the frollowing new bridges on Yamuna :

(i) Road-cum-Mass-Transport-Bridge near Indraprastha Barrage/ road bridge.

(2) Railway bridge connection Tughlakabad with Sahibabad.

Apart from these, there is also a proposal for an additional bridge near Wajirabad Barrage.

(c) The reasons for the delay are:—

(i) Slow progress by contractors.

(ii) Delay in the removal of encroachments coming in the layout of the bridge and connected flyovers.

(iii) Shifting of services like sewearlines, electric cables, P & T Cables etc.

(d) The present I.T.O. bridge, Nizamuddin Bridge and Wazirabad are yet to be developed to their final capacity.

(e) The proposal for Shantivan bridge has been dropped.

Water and Sewer connection to Middle School in Vasant Vihar

3240. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware that in Vasant Vihar Centrel Government Housing Complex, Middle School is running in Tents by the Delhi Administration in which the water and Sewer connection still to be given by the CPWD authorities ;

(b) whether the CPWD aurhorities have not bothered to give such connection to this school during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the same facility would be provided to the school keeping in view of the difficulty of the children/students of this school ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) it is correct that a school is being run by the Delhi Administration in the Vasant Vihar Housing comp'ex. Pending issue of formal allotment letter & the school was temporarily allowed by the L&DO to pitch tents. The water & sewer connection could not however be provided to the school as the school authorities had pitched their tents in the area earmarked for the C.G.H.S. dispensary instead of the area earmarked for the school. Despite the formit allotment letter having been issued by the Land & Development Office in 1988, the school authorities have not so far shifted their tents to the allotted land. Water & sewer connection will be provided as soon as the school is shifted to the allotted land.

Allotment of land to schools of Delhi Administration in Vasant Vihar

3241. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether allotment of land or opening of MCD Primary School and Middle School of Delhi Administration in Vasant Vihar Central Government Housing Complex, New Delhi has not been made by the L&DO ;

(b) Whether possession of the land has also not been handed over to these departments by CPWD; if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) by when the possession is likely to be given to these Departments by the CPWD ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Allotments to those schools have been made.

(b) and (c) The L & DO has reported that there are encroachements on these lands and steps have already been initiated to remove these encroachments before handing over the possession of lands to the Delhi admn. and M.C.D.

Allotment of land to journalists in Banglore

3242. SHRI SUBARAMIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government of Karnataka on a special allotment made by the then Chief Minister, had provided plots for housing in Banglore for journalists or their close relatives during the last three years ; and